

# **MINUTES OF BRIGHTSTONE PARISH COUNCIL'S MEETING HELD IN BRIGHTSTONE METHODIST CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 7.30PM.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. John Cirrone (Chairman), Cllr J Morgan, Cllr R Haviland, Cllr C Bridges, Cllr S Roberts and Cllr. M East.

Mrs Susannah Jennings (clerk)

Eight members of the Public were present

## **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Cllr Sue Chorley and Cllr David Tolfree

## **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

To be declared as appropriate at agenda items.

## **3. MINUTES.**

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> August, having been prior circulated and read, were confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

## **4. MATTERS ARISING.**

- i. Local Planning Enforcement issues – It believed that the structure on the site in Limerstone has been taken down.
- ii Pavement access on Main Road, Brightstone – The matter is still ongoing with Island Roads/The Isle of Wight Council and no further information has been received.
- iii. Parking Issues in Brightstone – The clerk has received a letter from Island Roads stating that they will ensure that the request for additional parking restrictions, at the top of Broad Lane and the Main Road, is formally evaluated as part of the next review of parking restrictions in the area.
- iv. The Former Countryman Site – Following last month's meeting the Environmental Health Officer has confirmed the presence of asbestos waste on site but as it is low grade and in a secure site it is not illegal and no action will be taken. The presence of vermin was also investigated and there is no evidence of any on the site. The owner of the site has indicated that any vermin could be due to neighbours animal feed. The neighbour has confirmed that their animals are only fed grass and hay.  
The Isle of Wight Council Planning Team have confirmed the request for action to be taken and are investigating, the Parish Council will be informed of the outcome of the investigation.
- v. Speeding checks on the Military Road – A representative of the police was scheduled to attend this month's meeting but were unable to attend. Only the Roads Policing Unit are able to carry out speed checks on National Speed Limit Roads and PC Company has submitted a request for them to look at the Military Road.
- vi. Fracking Presentation – There will be a presentation regarding fracking at the next Brightstone Parish Council Planning Meeting.

## **5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, ON GENERAL MATTERS, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN.**

A member of the public raised concerns regarding the verges on Brightstone Shute following the resurfacing works carried out by Island Roads – This is agenda item 10.

## **6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

**TCPL/03812/F, P/01063/16.** Old Myrtle Cottage Brook PO30 4ES. Alterations and conversion of outbuilding to form annexed accommodation.

Brightstone Parish Council have no objection.

All councillors agreed

**LBC/03812/E, P/01064/16.** Old Myrtle Cottage Brook PO30 4ES LBC for alterations and conversion of outbuilding to form annexed accommodation.

Brightstone Parish Council have no objection.

All councillors agreed

**TCP/32753, P/01016/16.** Woodlands Moor Lane Brightstone PO304DL. Householder Application Demolition of conservatory proposed single storey rear extension to provide additional living accommodation alterations decking

Brightstone Parish Council have no objection.

All councillors agreed

## **7. TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS.**

The following planning applications had been granted permission by the Isle of Wight Council:

**TCP/32739, P/00860/16,** Bay Tree Cottage Main Road Brightstone. Householder Application Replacement windows.

**TCP/32515/A, P/00968/16.** Brookfield Brook. Householder Application Extension at first floor level to convert bungalow into a house alterations to include juliet balconies on front and rear elevations external cladding replacement roof (revised scheme).

The following planning application has been refused permission by the Isle of Wight Council:

**TCP/31277/A, P/00911/16.** Pitt Place Farm Pitt Place Lane Brightstone. Removal of agricultural occupancy condition (no. 5) on TCP/2982/J

## **8. TO NOTE DATE OF POSSIBLE MID-MONTH PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING:**

The midmonth meeting, if required, will be on 28th September at 7.45pm

## **9. TO DISCUSS PLANNING ENFORCEMENT ISSUES IN YAFFORD.**

A letter from a member of the public raising the issues of a possible planning breach in Yafford (planning reference TCP/29656) had been received and distributed to councillors.

The letter included photographs of the site showing the barn has doubled in size, with the installation of doors, electricity and a toilet. There are also animals being kept on site which is contrary to the original application. Councillors agreed that this should be reported to the Isle of Wight Council Planning Enforcement Team.

## **10. TO DISCUSS THE RESURFACING OF LYNCH LANE**

Councillors discussed the issues which have resulted from Island Roads resurfacing Lynch Lane in Brightstone. The resurfacing has left the surface 12inches higher than it was originally, resulting in the inevitable flooding of local properties. The verges have been left with quarterings being dumped at the side of the road, this has also happened in Chine Lane and Broadlane.

Councillors agreed to contact Island Roads and the councillor for highways, Cllr. Phil Jordan, expressing real concerns about the way Lynch Lane has been resurfaced and left in such a state, and how quarterings have been dumped along a number of verges.

## **11. TO DISCUSS THE HOLM OAKS ON THE POUND IN BRIGHTSTONE**

Following the decision in July to carry out maintenance works on the Holm Oaks on the Pound, a letter was received from the neighbouring property expressing concern regarding damage the tree roots of the two nearest trees are having on their wall and driveway.

The Parish Council's tree maintenance contractor has been contacted and he states that in order to stop any further damage the removal of the trees is necessary. There are some new elm trees which have established which will help fill the void.

Councillors agreed to instruct the tree maintenance contractor to fell the two trees in order to avoid any further damage.

## **12. TO DISCUSS DISABLED ACCESS IN BRIGHTSTONE**

After a brief discussion regarding possible areas within Brightstone where there are no or limited drop kerbs it was agreed to discuss this issue at the October meeting, this will allow councillors time to consider locations where drop kerbs could be added.

## **13. TO DISCUSS THE SOLENT DEVOLUTION PROPOSAL AND COMMENT ON THE CONSULTATION.**

After a discussion about the proposal councillors agreed to postpone any comments and consider the issue again at the October meeting.

#### **14. TO DISCUSS THE NO.12 BUS SERVICE.**

An email from a member of the public highlighting the increased use of the no.12 Southern Vectis Service had been prior distributed and was discussed by councillors.

It was agreed to approach Southern Vectis and request that the future expansion of the service be investigated in light of the busy summer, with a request for more frequent buses and an extended timetable. It was also agreed to request a copy of the figures showing customer numbers on the no12 service.

#### **15. TO RESPOND TO THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL'S TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE CONSULTATION.**

After some discussion councillors agreed that the main priority for Brightstone Parish Council is the improvement of rural bus services.

Councillors also felt that the wording of the Terms of Reference are very difficult to understand and does not make sense, for example objective 2 'To be mindful of the economic logic and aware of the consequences of economic considerations that need to be ensured, so that the Island's transport system is optimised, to promote sustainable economic growth and development'.

#### **16. TO DISCUSS THE IWALC WORKSHOP ON THE FUTURE OF YOUTH SERVICES ON THE ISLAND.**

Councillors discussed topics to be raised at the IWALC workshop on the 20<sup>th</sup> October regarding the future of the youth service on the Island.

It was agreed to raise the accessibility issues that rural areas face and the fact that funds are allocated to the most populated areas meaning smaller villages are almost totally left out. There needs to be some kind of outreach provision, for example a mobile skatepark or provide transport to link villages with nearby towns.

#### **17. TO COMMENT ON THE REDUCTION OF THE MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE**

A letter had been received and distributed to councillors explaining that as part of the Isle of Wight Council's actions to reduce its annual expenditure, the library service is reviewing its Mobile Library Service. It is therefore proposing to remove the library stops at Atherfield Green, Hulverstone and Brook from its schedule. It is hoped that customers will be able to visit the mobile stop at Chale Green or the Community Library in Brightstone instead.

Councillors decided not to make any comment on the reduction of service but to put the information in the Newsletter to inform residents.

#### **18. TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF THE BRIGHTSTONE PARISH COUNCIL FACEBOOK PAGE.**

It was agreed to postpone this item until the October meeting as both councillors on the Website Group were on holiday.

#### **19. TO DISCUSS DOG FOULING WITHIN BRIGHTSTONE.**

A letter from a local resident had been received regarding dog fouling in Heath Gardens.

Councillors discussed the issue and agreed that this seems to be a continuous problem in various locations around Brightstone and councillors decided to ask the police to investigate and monitor the Brightstone area.

#### **20. TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE NOTICE OF CONCLUSION OF AUDIT AND NOTE ANY COMMENTS.**

The external audit of the 2015/16 accounts had been received with no matters for concern being raised.

#### **21. TO CONSIDER ANY UPDATES REGARDING THE PLANNING APPLICATIONS ON THE BLANCHARDS SITE.**

There were no updates to report.

#### **22. TO RECEIVE IW COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.**

Cllr Bob Seely's report was circulated to councillors and members of the public.

### **23. TO RECEIVE UPDATES AND PROGRESS OF THE NP.**

The referendum will take place tomorrow (Thursday 15th September).

### **24. RISK ASSESSMENT CHECKS FOR SEPTEMBER.**

Risk assessment checks all ok. Cemetery Gates and fences – the bench plank requires replacing, and the gates should be re-oiled this week if the weather is dry. Grass cutting is up to date. Burial registers are up to date.

### **25. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

Ch No.	To	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
1611	Groundsell Contracting - Grass cutting Aug		700.00	140.00	840.00
1612	Dryad Treework – Maint. of Ashley Way, Willses corner & Brook		200.00	0.00	200.00
1613	BDO LLP - External Audit fee 2015/16		200.00	40.00	240.00
1614	Hamp. & IOW Community Rehab - Brook Stream clearance		80.00	0.00	80.00
1615	Mrs S Jennings - Green bags for cemetery		13.00	0.00	13.00
1616	Mrs S Jennings - Aug salary		778.66	0.00	778.66
1617	Brightstone Methodist Church - room hire April - Sept		70.00	0.00	70.00
1618	Top Mops Ltd - Toilet cleaning Aug 2016		224.39	44.88	269.27
1619	Signpost Express - Banners for NP		90.00	18.00	108.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>2356.05</b>	<b>242.88</b>	<b>2598.93</b>

Proposed: Cllr Roberts

Seconded: Cllr Chorley

All councillors agreed

### **26. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31ST AUGUST 2016**

The Financial Statement to 31<sup>st</sup> July had been prior distributed to councillors and members of the public.

### **27. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPS. ON OUTSIDE BODIES.**

**FYT Bus** – Cllr East reported that numbers using the FYT bus on a Friday have increased. The future of the FYT bus service through Brightstone Parish will be an agenda item at the October meeting.

**Toilet Refurbishment** - Cllr Roberts reported that there had been a working group meeting last week and once the three quotes have been obtained work will begin on the grant application.

### **28. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- i. The Best Kept Village Awards will take place tomorrow (15<sup>th</sup> September) at 7.30pm.
- ii. An invitation has been received to attend the West Wight Sports and Community Centre's AGM on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 7pm.
- iii. The Tree Maintenance contractor has reported that the copse has had a great summer with considerable vegetative growth, floral diversity has continued to expand and trees have established well.  
On a negative note, the large ash tree spreading over the bottom quarter of the copse appears to be declining. Reduction next spring may rejuvenate the tree.

### **29. OTHER MATTERS MEMBERS WISH TO RAISE, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN.**

**North Street Hedge** – The Parking Restriction notice on North Street has been covered by the hedge, this is making the road very narrow and difficult for cars to drive up and down.

**Brightstone Forest Footpaths** – The footpaths through Brightstone Forest are still very overgrown despite the Forestry Commission being contacted.

### **30. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Main Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm at Brightstone Methodist Church.  
Cemetery Meeting Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 7.15pm at Brightstone Methodist Church.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending, and closed the Meeting at 9.02pm.